

WILL RETURN
POST HASTECharles W. Morse to Leave
Liverpool Today

TO MEET FINANCIAL FIGHT

Told Reporters To-day That He Had
Received Messages Regarding His
Affairs Which Caused This
Change in Plans.

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Charles W. Morse will sail for New York on the liner Etruria this afternoon. At Queenstown he announced that he would remain a week in England on arriving here on the Campania. To-day he said that he had received a message concerning his business affairs which had decided him to leave immediately for home. He refused to discuss the nature of the information he had received.

When he was shown extracts from London newspapers referring to him as having fled from his creditors, etc., Mr. Morse said there was absolutely nothing in these reports, saying they were "New York sensationalism." He added that he had sent cable dispatches to New York concerning his position and that he would rectify matters when he returned there.

Mr. Morse made no secret of his identity and smiled when he was informed of the reports concerning him that had reached the English newspapers. Mr. Morse talked in a similar vein to other newspaper correspondents who boarded the Campania here. He seemed to regard the period of liquidation in the United States as "an aftermath of the recent panic." On his return to the United States he said he would endeavor to reconstruct his interests and hoped they would work smoothly and give satisfaction.

MRS. MORSE CLAIMS ALL.

Says the Furnishings in the Fifth Avenue House Are Hers.

New York, Feb. 8.—Ten banks and trust companies on which attachments had been served by National Bank Examiner Charles A. Hanna to cover any funds or securities C. W. Morse might have no deposit with them made sworn statements yesterday that they hold no property belonging to Mr. Morse, and that other banks and trust companies on which similar attachments have been served have not yet reported.

After Mrs. Morse had told a representative of the sheriff that all the furniture in the Fifth Avenue house belongs to her, the keepers were withdrawn from the house. Mrs. Morse said her husband is a fighting man and will be back to face anything necessary. "I sent Mr. Morse a wireless message to-day. Mr. Boardman tells me his affairs are not so bad as common report makes them. Many of Mr. Morse's friends whom he made while rich have deserted him in his troubles. Other have stood by him. I shall remain right here in this house until he returns."

LISBON IN MOURNING
FOR DEAD ROYALTYNeither King Manuel Nor The Widowed
Queen Attended The Service in
Cathedral Today.

Lisbon, Feb. 8.—All Lisbon was in mourning today for the King and crown prince, whose funerals were held at St. Vincent's cathedral. The honors paid to the dead monarch would indicate that he was the most beloved of rulers. The diplomatic corps, court officials, representatives of every country in Europe, all the leading residents and a vast throng of humbler Portuguese assembled first at Necessidades palace, whence the remains were taken in magnificent funeral cars to the cathedral.

Double rows of troops kept back the crowds and there were no signs of disturbance. King Manuel and the widowed Queen remained away from the service, in accordance with Portuguese custom, which makes it, at least, unusual for wives or children to attend the funerals of husbands or fathers. The two bodies will lie in state for three days before burial.

WAS VERY LAUDATORY.

Former Lieutenant Governor Woodruff
of New York Talked.

New York, Feb. 8.—Speaking at the fifth annual dinner of the New Hampshire society last night at the hotel Savoy, ex-Judge Henry E. Woodruff, presiding, declared that he could not understand the present attacks on railroads and that "the vicious Sherman act has done more injury to this country than any other act."

Over 100 members of the society were present. Speeches were made by Irving W. Deane of the New Hampshire bar, Capt. Cameron Winslow of the battleship New Hampshire, and former Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York. Mr. Woodruff took occasion to eulogize President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Taft and Governor Hughes. He said:

"I do not believe that any man, even if he had the eloquence of a Daniel Webster, could argue the negation of what Theodore Roosevelt said in his message of a week ago any more than he could negate the ten commandments."

Theodore Roosevelt has his own way of getting at things, but he has got at them in a way that is satisfactory to the masses of the people.

"I have an abiding faith in William H. Taft, as the greatest man in the United States next to Theodore Roosevelt. I also have an abiding faith in the wonderful ability of the present governor of this state, Charles E. Hughes."

ARE ON THE TRAIL
OF THIRD BANDITHe Is Believed to Be Chris Seltin of
Cambridge, Mass., and Police
Think He Has Gone to
New York City.

Woburn, Mass., Feb. 8.—An accurate description of the third member and supposed leader of the alleged gang of "vegmen" who terrorized Woburn and surrounding towns Thursday night in their reckless attempt to escape, was furnished to Chief of Police Charles F. McDermott last night. The man's name is said to be Chris Seltin of Cambridge, a Lithuanian. He was seen in Cambridge yesterday morning and in the belief that he has fled to Providence or New York, the police of those cities have been asked to watch for him.

Seltin is described as 35 years old, 5 feet 6½ inches in height, weighing about 140 pounds. He had a smooth face with a small scar, and he has worn a light moustache, which he shaved off yesterday morning. His complexion was medium and he wore a mixed gray suit with a soft black hat.

Seltin is believed to be the man the militia traced to Lexington yesterday, and whose tracks were lost at the railroad leading towards Cambridge. Seltin speaks English slightly and according to the information which the police have in hand, he is the ringleader of the trio and is said to be the most desperate. Neither of the other two suspects, Bristol Karmeloy and Peter Rosa, who were captured in Arlington yesterday by Officer D. M. Hooley, would give any information and apparently could speak no English.

In an effort to establish the identity of Karmeloy, Lieutenant Mulken of the local police went to Chelsea during the day and brought back John Stummer, a fellow countryman of the two suspects, but so far as could be learned, the police got little information from him.

ONE VICTIM WEAKER.

Edward F. Holland, Bandit's Victim, Reported
Worse.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Shirley Zeltin, who the police believe to be the third member of the desperado gang that shot up Woburn and Lexington, is still at large to-day. Descriptions of him were sent to the police of all the large cities in New England, and the authorities in Providence and New York, where it is thought he has gone are asked to watch out. Edward F. Holland, the most severely wounded of the bandit's victims, was reported weaker today at the hospital. Policeman Walsh is more comfortable and will probably recover.

BRIBERY AND COERCION.

These Charges Are Against These Men
of Lowell.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 8.—William C. Doherty, chairman of the board of health, was arrested yesterday afternoon on an indictment by the Middlesex county grand jury charging bribery and political coercion.

Isaac E. Wotton, chairman of the water board, was also arrested on an indictment charging bribery, and Charles P. Lynch, an employee of the water board, was the third city official arrested, bribery being charged against him in a grand jury indictment. All were taken to the police headquarters, where they were held in \$10,000 bail each. Bail was immediately secured for them and they departed. The cases will be called at the Lowell sitting of the superior court on the first Monday in March.

The arrests, as soon as they became known, aroused the keen interest, as these arrests are confidently expected to be the commencement of a series of investigations into the various city departments.

INSANE MAN A SUICIDE.

Benjamin Hurd of Boston Killed Himself
Yesterday.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Benjamin Hurd, a member of one of Boston's oldest families, yesterday afternoon while insane killed himself in his home, 10 Percival street, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester.

The immediate cause of the suicidal mania was the loss of a much-loved pet dog working on a mind that had been weak since a childhood illness. He was found about 10 o'clock with a bullet wound through his mouth and brain.

He had been partially insane ever since he was ill with scarlet fever and malaria in his youth and had twice been an inmate of the McLean asylum in Waverly for long periods. For the last three years he had been living with his mother in Dorchester.

WORKING UP TRADE.

Chicago Hotel Men Have Their "Barkers"
at Work.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Reports from Chicago that President Roosevelt may attend the Republican national convention there in June is viewed among political leaders here as merely an astute work of the "barkers" who are paving the way for a later announcement of the many attractions that may be seen "in the big tent," and thus aid the return to the hotel men of the bonus they subscribed to secure the great assemblage. That William H. Taft will be present there is little doubt, but not even the mere tyro in statescraft will admit that President Roosevelt will attend the meeting.

Britt vs. Nelson.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 8.—Battling Nelson and James Britt of San Francisco have signed articles for a ten-round fight in this city before the Pacific Athletic club on the night of Tuesday, Feb. 25. The weight is to be 133 pounds at 6 o'clock. Britt concedes Nelson 5 per cent. bonus of the fighters' share of the money.

St. Albans Extends Invitation.

St. Albans, Feb. 8.—The retail merchants' association at a meeting last evening voted to extend the officials of the state association an invitation to hold its annual convention here in April.

GREAT CRIME
IN LONDONBodies of Five People Found
This Afternoon

ALL WITH BULLET WOUNDS

Frederick Holmes, Millionaire, His Wife,
His Daughter, and Two Women
Servants Were Victims—Mur-
derer Not Known.

London, Feb. 8.—Frederick Holmes, a millionaire, his wife, his daughter and two women servants were found dead at their house this afternoon from bullet wounds. The police say there is no doubt of the murder, but they are completely at a loss as to the assassin's identity or motive.

Holmes' corpse was found first in the woods near his mansion, near Henley. When it was carried to the house, the extent of the tragedy was discovered. The women had been shot through the head, apparently as they slept. Holmes' wound is such that it is believed impossible that he could have slain the members of his household and then taken his own life.

The dead man was a brewery director and well known in London business circles.

\$10,000 SUIT REOPENED.

N. H. Supreme Court Sustains Exceptions
in Stove Polish Case.

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 8.—The supreme court has just handed down a decision which will reopen the \$10,000 suit of Miss Grace Cunningham of Nashua against the C. R. Pease company of that city to recover damages for injuries she claims to have received while using a can of stove polish her mother purchased of them. The polish exploded when Miss Cunningham placed it on a warm stove, and she was terribly burned.

In the superior court a motion for a non-suit made by counsel for the defense was granted. The higher court sustains exceptions made by the plaintiff and says that the question of whether a man of ordinary prudence and care would have used a can of polish, and recommended that it be used on a hot stove should have been submitted to the jury.

MANY REQUESTS.

In Will of Miss Alice Byington, Filed
For Probate Yesterday.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 8.—By the will of Miss Alice Byington, late of Stockbridge which was filed for probate here yesterday the Hampton institute at Hampton, Va., is given \$100,000, and the Normal and Agricultural school of the same place will receive \$50,000. The Normal and Industrial institute of Tuskegee, Ala., is given \$50,000; the Mt. Vernon school for boys at Gill, Mass., \$25,000; the Massachusetts society for the Prevention of the Cruelty to animals \$2,000; the Laurel Hill association of Stockbridge, \$10,000, and the town of Stockbridge, \$2,000.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

Allen P. Benjamin Convicted at Providence,
R. I.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 8.—Allen P. Benjamin, on trial in Kent county superior court at East Greenwich on an indictment charging the murder of Albert Babcock of Oneco, Conn., was convicted yesterday afternoon of murder in the first degree.

ST. LOUIS GETS WADDELL.

Famous Base Ball Pitcher Will Leave
Philadelphia.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8.—President Hedges of the St. Louis American league base ball team, announced yesterday afternoon that he had purchased outright the release of "Rube" Waddell, the Philadelphia pitcher.

Allen Fuller, aged 75 years and a Civil war veteran, died at the home of his only son, Charles A. Fuller, in Rutland Thursday. Mr. Fuller was a native of Watertown, Mass., and was a survivor of the 13th Massachusetts regiment, being mustered out as sergeant. He was taken prisoner at Balls Bluff. The funeral to-day was in charge of the Grand Army post.

Joseph Laviolette, 69 years old, who died recently at his home in East Charlotte, was the oldest person in town. Matthew St. Peter is now the oldest, having been born in February, 1817. Next to Mr. St. Peter in age is Mark Reynolds, who was born in April, 1817, his wife, born in April, 1820. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are in feeble health.

Fire in Waterville Tuesday morning destroyed Frank Laraway's saw-mill, clapboard mill and grist mill, and the covered bridge near the mill. The loss, which was great, has not been estimated. It is only partially covered by insurance.

The sale of brandy drops must stop, says State's Attorney R. A. Lawrence of Rutland county, also other candies containing injurious stuff.

DON'T SHIP MILK
TO BOSTON MARKETSAdvice Given By Secretary Fred L. Davis
of The Vermont State Board of Ag-
riculture to Farmers.

White River Junction, Feb. 8.—A meeting of the Vermont state board of agriculture was held at Hartford yesterday afternoon and last evening. The afternoon session opened at 3 P. M. D. Hazen, Jr., past master of Castaside grange of Hartford village, extended welcome to the visitors and introduced Dr. H. D. Holton, secretary of the state board of health, who spoke on "Farm Sanitation."

Fred L. Davis, the newly appointed secretary of the board gave a talk on "The Milk Conditions of Vermont." Mr. Davis insisted there is a loss to the producer and the community by shipping his milk to the cities and not making use of it at home.

Frank L. Russell, a member of the board spoke on "Vermont Horse Breeding." Mr. Russell laid particular stress on breeding horses rather than bringing so many western horses into this part of the country. He also stated that horses bred here would be much better acclimated for work here.

SIX SHOTS FIRED.

State Workers Mix It Up in Fair Haven
With Revolvers.

Rutland, Feb. 8.—A number of Italians, while waiting for the trolley car at the waiting room at Fair Haven at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, commenced quarreling among themselves, three of them becoming so angry that they pulled revolvers and commenced shooting at each other, six shots being fired in all. All being poor shots no one was injured at that time.

Officer James Tully was summoned and chased the three worst offenders over River street to Marble street, the Italians gaining rapidly. Upon seeing that he would not be able to catch them on foot the officer called upon Edward Sheehy, who was driving in a team, for assistance.

The Italians were overtaken in front of William Street's and separated. Sheehy took after one and Tully after the nearest of the other two. Sheehy overtook his man after a short run and clinched with him. In the tussle which followed the Italian discharged a revolver, the bullet passing through the palm of Sheehy's hand. The man was finally overpowered, but not before he was badly beaten about the head.

In the meantime Officer Tully captured his man and the two were taken to the lockup. It is thought that no bones were broken in Mr. Sheehy's hand and unless blood poison sets in the wound will not prove serious. The other Italians made good their escape.

WILDER PAPER MILLS
TO SHUT DOWN TO-NIGHTSuspension of Work Throws 200 men
Out of Employment—Orders Came
From New York Headquarters.

Wilder, Feb. 8.—The mills of the International Paper company, the only manufacturing industry of this town, will be shut down tonight for an indefinite period. About 200 men will be thrown out of work. No information could be obtained from the local management, it being stated that the orders for the closing came from the head offices of the company in New York, and that the reason was not known here.

NO ONE WAS HURT.

In Slight Wreck on Rutland Railroad
Yesterday.

Rutland, Feb. 8.—The Boston mail train, which leaves this city at 10:45 A. M., had a narrow escape from being wrecked yesterday. As the train was pulling out of the local yards, having not attained full speed, the rear truck on the last car failed to take a switch and the end of the car swung wide off the track. It brought up against a locomotive standing on a siding with such force that the car was knocked back to the roadbed and the wheels on one side landed between the rails.

Conductor P. J. Donovan happened to be standing on the track, facing the rear of the train and he saw the car swinging the instant it left the iron. He immediately signaled for the emergency brakes and the train was brought to a standstill after the derailed car had bumped along over the ties for 200 feet. No one was injured and the train went on its way, leaving the unruly car behind, after 25 minutes delay.

TWO BOYS SENTENCED.

One Goes to House of Correction, Other
to State Prison.

Rutland, Feb. 8.—Berman Lavanture, aged 20 years, was sentenced to the house of correction for not less than two and not more than three years, and David Sherman, aged 19, was sent to Windsor for not less than three and not more than five years, yesterday, for burglary. They confessed to being implicated in a series of burglaries covering two years.

Express Agent Arrested.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 8.—Arthur A. Gates, local agent for the American Express company, was arrested last night after an investigation of his accounts by Auditors W. Bennett of Boston and E. G. Brown of Hallowell Falls.

Gates is about 30 years old and has been agent here about three years. His home is in Keene, where he was employed by the express company before he came here.

BECOMES STATE
ASSOCIATIONVermont Poultry Association
Holds Meeting

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Association Is in Excellent Shape—
Plans Laid for the Ensuing
Year—Those Who Were
Chosen.

The third annual meeting of the Central Vermont Poultry and Poultry association was held last evening in the city court room. There were twenty members of the association present and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed that the association was in a very healthy condition financially. In the past year new coops for a show of 800 birds were purchased and the association now owns property to the value of \$400 which by the proceeds of the highly successful January show is all paid to within \$100.

For the reason that this association is now the only one in the state and is receiving members from all parts of the state it was voted last evening to change the name of the association to the Vermont Poultry association. The total membership of the association is now 116.

It was decided to hold the third show during the first week in January, 1909 and it will be a score card show under the rules of the American association. The arranging for the exact date for the show and the securing of judges was left to the executive committee.

A vote of thanks was extended to the past year's committee for their excellent work in the management of the exhibition. A vote of thanks was also extended to Sowden & Lyon for providing a place for meetings during the year and to all others outside of the association who contributed to its support.

The election of officers resulted in the reelection of E. M. Lyon as president. Eight vice-presidents were elected as follows: A. P. Abbott, Walter Bell, Rutland; C. L. Hatch, Waterbury; C. W. Goodale, Brattleboro; N. H. F. Brown, Berlin; L. M. Blodgett, West Burke; F. W. Saul, Swanton; secretary, E. J. Langer, Barre; assistant secretary, R. S. Currier, Barre; treasurer, J. L. Wallace, Barre; executive committee, R. S. Currier, J. W. Roberts, South Barre; George Booth, W. A. Moir, George Nye, East Barre; A. C. Moore and H. P. Baldwin, auditing committee, William Brown, J. M. Carr and William Bradbury.

ENGLISH OWNERS STEP IN.

Complete Change of Management in the
Frank Jones Company.

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 8.—The English owners of the Frank Jones Brewing company have made a complete change in the management of the company, and at a meeting yesterday it was announced that Edwin B. Bartlett, the general manager of the company for the past five years, had withdrawn, and that the American committee, consisting of Judge Calvin Page, Alfred F. Howard of this city, William B. Sullivan of Boston and John Whitmore of New York, had been dissolved.

C. H. Babbington and F. W. Thompson of London, two of the directors, came to this country, the former with authority to make whatever change they thought best.

Howard Gray of Boston, formerly of Dover, has been elected general manager of the company, and he will take charge Monday morning. The trouble that exists in the company is said to be the dissatisfaction on the part of the English directors in the falling off of the business owing to the number of towns that have gone no-license.

FLAGMAN INJURED.

He Tried to Save Team and Was Struck
By Engine.

Plainville, Conn., Feb. 8.—Frank W. Day, flagman at the East Main street crossing of the Highland division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, while preventing a team from driving over the crossing in the face of an approaching train, was himself struck by an engine coming from the opposite direction and fatally injured yesterday.

For over 30 years, and until his retirement two years ago, Mr. Day was a train baggage-master on the Highland division. He was about 65 years old.

B. & M. CHANGES.

Messrs. Ledyard and Pratt Retire From
The Directorate.

Boston, Feb. 8.—It was announced yesterday that Lewis Cass Ledyard and Charles M. Pratt have resigned from the directorate of the Boston & Maine railroad company.

Thomas P. Real, president of the second national bank and S. N. Aldrich, president of the state national bank, have been chosen directors to succeed them.

PROMINENT GRAFTON MAN.

L. M. Parks Died Yesterday Afternoon,
Aged 70 Years.

Bellows Falls, Feb. 8.—L. M. Parks, one of Grafton's most prominent citizens, died yesterday afternoon, aged 70 years. He is survived by a wife and three daughters. The funeral will be in the home Sunday.

"SCOTCH NIGHT" A SUCCESS.

Appreciated by Large Crowd at Base
Ball Fair.

Nearly five hundred people were present at the base ball fair last night. The program of Scotch songs and dances was arranged by J. P. Marr and thoroughly pleased the large audience.

It was indeed an "Auld Lang Syne" entertainment, consisting of a quartette, composed of Robert Ingalls, James Anderson, Miss Barbara MacDonald and Miss Annie Anderson, who sang "Rantin' Bonin"; a highland fling dance, accompanied by the bagpipes by Miss May Carson; a song, "Jessie Brown's Dream," by Miss Annie Anderson; "The Bonnie Brier Bush," sung by Fred Cassie; the "Shanties" dance by Robert Stuart; a song "The Rowen Tree," by Miss Anderson; another song by Fred Cassie, "The Kell Brose o' Auld Scotland"; the double highland fling dance by Messrs. Troupe and Stuart, in Scottish costume; "Good Bye, Annie Laurie," sung by Miss Carson, and the singing farce, "Willie Brud a Peck o' Maiv," by Messrs. Ingalls, Anderson and MacDonald.

All the numbers were well rendered and brought forth hearty applause, and several were encored. The playing of James Edward of the bagpipe was appreciated also. Much praise is due Mr. Marr for the excellent manner in which the program was presented, he having spent a good deal of time in its arrangement. The costumes were especially fine, many of them having come from Scotland.

The booths and "chance books" seemed to be doing a rushing business last evening.

To-night is the last night of the fair and the distribution of the fifty prizes and the capital prize of \$50 in gold will occur then. There will be dancing following the prize drawing.

CANTATA A SUCCESS.

Large Audience at East Montpelier
Hall Last Evening.

The town hall at East Montpelier village was filled with an appreciative audience last evening when the cantata, "The Crowning Love," was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church and under the direction of C. F. Dudley. In fact, there were so many present that those in charge had to scurry around to get refreshments enough to accommodate the crowd at lunch time. Besides East Montpelier people, there were present many from Montpelier, Barre, Calais and Plainfield.

The cantata was participated in by fifteen ladies, and was a great success in every way. All took their parts well, but particular credit should be given Miss Kate Foster who took the part of the old woman of the woods, Miss Alice Stoddard as queen, Miss Bessie Butterfield, a soloist, and Miss Kate Wheeler, also a soloist.

I. O. G. T. OFFICERS.

George Emery Was Elected Chief Tem-
plar Last Evening.

The quarterly election of officers was held at the regular meeting of Neel Dow lodge, I. O. G. T., last evening with the following result: C. T. George Emery; V. T. Miss Gladys Thompson; secretary, M. Lee Alkon; financial secretary, Miss Florence Bennett; treasurer, Miss Maude Dike; registrar, Miss Ruth Beckley; marshal, Charles Thompson; deputy marshal, Mrs. J. O. Beckley; guard, Mrs. C. E. Coppins; sentinel, Roy Waterman; superintendent of juvenile work, Mrs. Flora Beckley. At the conclusion of the election the officers were installed by lodge deputy J. O. Beckley.

TO ADD BUSINESS COURSE.

Montpelier School Board So Decided Last
Evening.

The Montpelier school board at its meeting last night decided to add a commercial department to the public schools of the city, following out plans laid some time ago. For some time the students of the high school have been taking up studies in offices in town, and that has been counted as regular work of the school. The board now proposes to have the new course, which will start next fall, have all the usual branches taught in commercial departments. An extra appropriation of \$1,200 for that purpose was made.

INDORSED ACTION.

Montpelier Central Labor Union on Bos-
ton American Affair.

The Central Labor Union of Montpelier has indorsed the action of the Boston union men who have been opposing the Boston American because of the strike of that paper's newsboys. The central body in the neighboring city has also written a letter of protest against the advertisement of a Burlington firm which stated that it was prepared to furnish laborers, believing it to be part of a scheme on the part of capitalists in New York.

FOR CONVENTION HALL.

Rutland Will Submit Proposition to The
Voters.

Rutland, Feb. 8.—The first definite step toward securing an adequate convention hall for this city was taken at the monthly meeting of the directors of the Rutland Improvement league, when it was decided to have an article inserted in the warning for the March meeting, putting to popular vote the question of whether the building shall be erected at the expense of the citizens.

The plan is to ask for a hall having a seating capacity of from 2,500 to 3,000.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

John Hogan was out for the first time today after a ten days' illness with grippe.

Among arrivals at the city hotel last evening and today are J. F. Blaney, W. H. Dickinson, A. M. Hunt, Boston; B. M. Hayward, Montpelier; E. E. Donahue, Manchester; N. B. P. E. Cudworth, Chelmsford, Mass.; O. D. Tracy, Chelsea.

"WET" WORKERS
ARE BUSYAnd They Are the Only Ones
in Municipal Campaign

UP TO THE PRESENT TIME

Mayor Robins Is the Only Candidate for
Mayor—There Are a Few Stragglers
Trying for Ward Positions—
Montpelier Conditions.

With the city caucuses but a week away, one would naturally expect some talk of candidates, but there isn't any. This is due in a large measure to the lack of them. No name has yet been brought forward in opposition to a re-nomination of Mayor Robins, and it looks now as if he would be the only candidate in the field this spring.

For city clerk and treasurer, James Mackay will probably receive the undivided support of the caucus, and the same holds as to first constable, M. B. Nichols, and second constable James F. Smith. A. G. Fay, who has served one year as assessor, will also probably be re-nominated. Mr. Fay was a good man in the position the past year, and with the experience gained will be even more valuable to the city the coming season.

In ward 1, the name of Alex. Gordon will be presented for re-nomination to the board of school commissioners.

In ward 2, William Alexander's name will be presented as a candidate for alderman at the caucus, and there will probably be other candidates.

In ward 3, L. R. Hutchinson, the present school commissioner, will stand for re-nomination, and so far no name has been put forward in opposition.

In ward 4, where there is usually a multiplicity of candidates, Alderman Thurston seems to be having it all his own way since his announcement that he would stand for re-election, and the same is true as to Alderman Campbell in ward 6. In this latter ward a school commissioner is to be chosen. Freeman W. Gilley has been mentioned for the place.

There may be other candidates for city honors, but The Times has not been able to find them. The caucuses are a week away, however, and there is plenty of time for others to enter the field if they choose to.

The only political activity in the city appears to be among the license advocates. They are waging an active campaign for license another year, while the "no" advocates are doing nothing, and if there is no contest on city officers at the polls the chances are the city will go "yes" again. The license advocates have been holding meetings regularly for a week or more in anticipation of next March.

In the neighboring city of Montpelier, matters political are somewhat complicated. The announcement that Mayor Haley would not be a candidate for the office again has caused a number of capable men to be mentioned for the office. Among them are Charles D. Mather, a retired merchant; Fred L. Laird, an attorney, and Frank R. Dawley, at present an alderman.

Of this number, Mr. Mather positively declines to run for the office and is, therefore, out of the question. Mr. Laird made an authoritative announcement yesterday that he would seek the nomination. He will find Alderman Dawley for an opponent on one, and there may be others before the caucus, but thus far Mr. Dawley is the only one to come out openly and state his wishes.

NO CASE AGAINST BROGGI.

No Evidence That He Picked Up Twenty
Dollar Bill.

The larceny case against Joseph Broggi which was set for trial in the city court this morning